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## GLENDALE BAPTIST CHURCH *a caring community of equality and grace*

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### Appalachian Backpacks We're moving them to East Tennessee

Thanks to the exceeding generosity of Glendale members, and the contributions from Sanford Corporation, Office Depot in Knoxville, and Sam's/Wal\*Mart, we have 300 backpacks for grades K-2 and 300 for grades 3-5. The total amount contributed by Glendale members is \$3,989.76 at this writing. Outstanding!!

Assuming the backpacks were assembled on schedule July 21 and following, only one step remains to complete our mission project to Jefferson County: Getting the backpacks in the hands of the 600 elementary school students who need them.

The plan is to take them over to Jefferson City, about 20 miles east of Knoxville, on Saturday, August 7. Distribution will be at the Appalachia Outreach Center from 2-4 P.M., Saturday. We will furnish directions. We will need to load SUVs, vans, trucks with covers, and mules at the church on Friday, August 6, from 6-8 P.M. If you plan to come by car, and we hope many will, especially children and youth, let us know. Your trunk may be just what we need. It may be too much to try to caravan, but those who wish to can get together on a meeting spot. In any case, we will need to leave about 8:00 A.M., Saturday, to allow time for lunch on the road. Those carrying backpacks will need to arrive by 1:30 or so, Eastern Time. We're counting on Glendalers to volunteer enough vehicles to transport the 100 or so boxes.

If you have an SUV, van, truck, or car trunk you will volunteer for the cause, please let a member of the committee know: Lyndi Hewitt, Sharon Hiett, Bill Junker, Laura Kendall, Lisa Lehr, or Kreis White.

Many thanks,  
The Glendale Missions Division

#### Companions in Christ

Companions in Christ offers a transforming experience in spiritual formation. This 26-week curriculum developed by The Upper Room explores classic spiritual practices and invites participants to deepen their relationship with God and one another. Glendale has had three groups since the fall of 2002 who have used the Companions in Christ material as well as the Way of Forgiveness. Sample materials are on the table in the foyer. If you are interested in participating in a new group to begin in the fall, please let Julie Coulter or David Reeves know. An informational meeting will be scheduled for mid-September.

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#### Glendale Pictorial Directory

If you were unable to have your picture—or your family's picture—made when the Olan Mills crew was in town to photograph all of Glendale, please contact Annette Sisson, Rosalyn Ramage, Anne-Leslie Owens, Debra Lynn, Jon Lawrence, or Larry Cohen to let one of them know that you'd like to have your picture taken digitally to be included on a separate page of the directory. ***We want to include EVERY Glendaler—and we are glad to come to you if you are unable to come to us!***

For those who have already had their pictures made, we hope that the photographs have arrived at your house and that you're enjoying them. Look for the pictorial directory to be available early fall—hopefully around Labor Day.

#### Interim Update

The interim committee is working towards an arrangement for the fall. Details will be announced later in August.

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**Congratulations to John Laney** on his 50 years in the ministry. He was ordained on July 15, 1954, at Brookford Baptist Church, North Carolina.

### ***View from the Chair . . .***

It's summer time at Glendale. Vacation Bible School has just wrapped up. The grass cutters are regular visitors to our hillside. Lightning struck a final blow to one of our glorious trees . . . thanks to Richard Smith for his skill with a chain saw and the city government who cleaned up the debris. The new council is hard at work staffing committees for the new church year. Many folks are away visiting families and fun places with sunshine and water. Children are tan, and flip flops are the shoes of choice! Our Discernment and Search Committee, our Interim Committee, and our Nominating Committee are all still at work. Karen has provided meaningful worship experiences, and Margie is enjoying some sabbatical time away!

As we enjoy these last weeks of summer, let me urge you to remember your tithes and offerings. Many times when folks are away, their tithes and offerings are missed as well. Now is a good time to "catch up" with your pledges or make plans to give *before* you leave on that summer holiday! Enjoy these last lazy days of summer; school starts in just a few weeks, which means a new church year is just around the corner. The *view from the chair* is bright and full of expectation!

**Martha Jo Berry, Council Chair**

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#### **• Heifer International Read to Feed**

The **children's summer reading club**, sponsored by the Glendale library, began on June 20. Read to Feed is a reading incentive program that offers global education opportunities and fosters a love for reading, a passion to help others, and a way to help create a better world. The goal is to raise money to buy gifts of livestock for struggling families who have few resources and need an ongoing source of income. **Children will be asking you to sponsor them for the books they read through August 8.** Please join them in supporting this wonderful organization!

#### **• Vespers: Blessing the Animals**

The outdoor vespers service on **Wednesday, August 11**, will be a blessing of the animals. Supper will be a picnic on the lawn, weather permitting. Glendalers are invited to bring their beloved animals of all shapes and sizes for this special service. Please bring pets in a carrier or on a leash, being mindful of their protection and comfort with many people and other animals around.

#### **• Needle Nuts**

Needle Nuts will meet at the home of Cathy Woods on Saturday, August 21, at 10:00a.m. Experienced and novice knitters (and those doing other types of handiwork) are invited to attend.

#### **• Calling all Artists, September 12**

Artists' Night at the Glendale Gallery is back by popular demand. All artists are invited to bring 3 items they have made on Sunday, September 12. During the afternoon, the Glendale curatorial staff will arrange the exhibit. At 6:00 we'll enjoy live music and conversation as we view the exhibit.

#### **• Glendale's Yard Sale, October 9**

Mark your calendar for the Glendale Yard Sale scheduled for Saturday, October 9. This is a church-wide event and everyone's help will be needed. Although it will be a lot of hard work, it will be a great way to get to know our neighbors, have fun working together, and do a little fundraising. Proceeds from the yard sale will go towards Glendale's Children's Ministry.

To be a part of the planning process, contact Anne-Leslie or Sharon. There are lots of jobs available: advertising, pricing, setting up, answering questions, taking money, counting money, directing traffic, clean up, hauling left over items, etc. Everyone can start now by weeding through your attics, basements, and closets for items to sale. We will collect items at church beginning Sunday, October 3.

#### **• Mark your Calendars for the Great Glendale Gathering at Rau-Wood Retreat Center, October 29-30.**

### **Update from the DSC**

In addition to our continued conversations and discernment with candidates for the position of co-pastor, we have been working on other "parallel processes" to make a good and smooth transition when the time comes. One project that we have given attention to in recent months is in response to the question, "How can our working space reflect our commitment to equity between our pastors?"

We have been hard at work preparing to transform our office space so that it welcomes April and the new pastor in a way that reflects our commitment to them in terms of hospitality, support, equality and grace. We have taken up this work in partnership with the properties committee, and worked with an architect to bring shape to our ideas. Christy Halbert was our best thinker, and came up with a simple and elegant solution to move one wall, a couple of doors and some furniture. The office manager will move to the space where the associate pastor's office is currently, and the two offices that have housed the office manager and pastor will, with a wall move, become our two co-pastors' offices. The architect has translated those ideas into detailed plans, which you may view in the church foyer on the DSC bulletin board. We presented and discussed them with the church June 30 and July 4.

As of today, properties committee chair, Jim Berry, and DSC member, Jim Hiatt, are in the process of getting bids for these changes from several contractors. We will also refresh the paint and carpet in the office suite, and George and Julie O'Neal and Beth Walker are planning to make some improvements to the hall bathroom across from the library, as a part of these upcoming renovations. Our next step will be to bring to the congregation the bids, and some suggestions for how we pay for the changes. As of now, that conversation is planned for Wednesday, August 4.

Thanks as always for your prayerful and mindful support in our ongoing work! Your questions and comments are welcomed! Your Discernment and Search Committee.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

The Wednesday night programming for August is as follows:

August 4	Discernment and Search Committee Update
August 11	Vespers: Blessing the Animals
August 18	Small Group Meetings
August 25	Celebrating Lay Leadership

### Youth Happenings

**The past month.** . . we went to the **Baptist Youth Camp at Laurel Ridge, NC**, June 26 - July 2. Don Schlosser led music, Anne-Leslie Owens led the visual arts section, and Josh was a proclaimer for one of the worship services. The youth and their leaders gave the church a glimpse of their camp experience on Wednesday evening, July 7. For the second year, this was a meaningful experience for all who attended.

The youth served lunch at **Edgehill Soup Kitchen** on July 13.

The youth joined the rest of the church on Wednesday, July 21, as everyone packed the supplies for the children in Jefferson County, TN. **Appalachian Backpack Project** provided a great opportunity for all to be involved...

### Things to come . . .

Many events are in the planning stages for August once Stephanie returns from Peace Camp, where she is leading the youth program during the last week of July. Some things to look forward to . . .

Another discussion night  
Sunday afternoon bowling  
Back-to-school celebration

## Kid's Corner



*Keep your heart clean with peace. Don't get it dirty with greed. It is not too late to clean it.*

*—Kaila Spencer*

**Passport Kids!** became a different sort of adventure for Alexis, Grace Anne, Margie, and April, who headed to Crossville, TN early on July 4 for a mission-oriented camp. They were surprised to arrive at a desolate camp without a soul in sight. Unbeknownst to the Glendale group, this particular camp session had been canceled! With numerous apologies from the Passport folks who were reached by phone, the Glendale campers decided to have their own fun in Nashville. They played glow golf and then watched the fireworks together. Everyone spent the night at church and then went to Percy Priest Lake for fun in the water and her own learning experience. Passport Kids! will be on the calendar next summer, but it won't compare to the adventure the Glendale campers had this year!

Children, grades K-5, are invited to join various individuals for **games during the summer on Wednesday evenings**. (The schedule is on the announcement sheet each Wednesday.) Children should remain with their parents through the singing of "Happy Birthday" after the announcements. Preschoolers may go upstairs with Jenny Strange-Mills at 6:30p.m. or a little earlier, depending on the needs of our little ones.

Children have their supplies for the **summer reading club**, Heifer International's Read to Feed. Children will be asking for sponsors through August 8 as they read books. The goal is to raise money to buy gifts of livestock for struggling families who have few resources. Please see Joy Gooch, Lanita Harris, or Bev Bernard for details.

The children will serve lunch at Edgehill Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, August 10, 11:00a.m. Please see Julie Coulter for details.

**Faithful Friends** is scheduled for Sunday, August 15.

**Vacation Bible School** was a great success the last week of July. We sang "Under the Baobab Tree" that Anne-Leslie Owens and others created. Jon Lawrence and Scott Hines taught us some wonderful songs with fun motions. They also helped us create some skits about Civil Rights events. Linda Ray Miller and Rosalyn Ramage helped us make some wonderful crafts that honor the African-American heritage. April told us some Bible stories, as well as stories about people like Harriett Tubman and Martin Luther King, Jr. Meals and snacks were prepared by Bev Bernard, Joy Gooch, Sharon Hiett, Dot Pearigen, and Alyson Roberts. Thanks to Molly Boyd, Rosalyn Ramage, Georgia Sims, Amy Wells, Joni Elrod, and others who assisted, as well!

**Children's choir**, for grades K-6, will resume in September. All are invited to join Linda Ray Miller as they sing and create music in many ways.